



## Session 7: The Mustard Seed and Yeast

### IN

#### Introduction

#### DISCUSSION:

Parables are one form of story telling. How important is story-telling in our digital age?

### UP

#### Explore

#### READ Matthew 13:31-35

- What is your first reaction to these parables? What message do you hear?
- The Parable of the Mustard Seed has been suggested to mean the growth of the Kingdom of Heaven from tiny beginnings to worldwide size; and the parable of the Yeast describes it as affecting every part which it touches. Also the growth of a plan, or the working of yeast in a dough can often go unnoticed. But the end result is very visible. What are your observations of the growth of the Church (locally, nationally and worldwide)?
- Jesus starts of these parables by saying the Kingdom of Heaven is like ... How satisfying do you find his answer? What specific questions would you have liked him to address?
- READ Matthew 13:11-15. Jesus always wanted people to seek God for themselves and so worship him. What do these verses tell us about Jesus' understanding of different people's attitude towards God and what they expect from him?
- What would you say is a godly response to these parables?

### OUT

#### Impact

**On your own:** What do you think it means to be praying the line 'Your Kingdom Come on earth as it is in heaven?' from the Lord's Prayer.

Spend some time in prayer together starting with Lords Prayer.

